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General Roberto Viola
 Presidente de la Republica Argentina
 Casa Rosada, Balcarce 50
 Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

Your Excellency:

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Reports from International press and other sources have mentioned repeatedly of cases of persons disappearing after arrests by armed police and other security forces of your nation. It has been reported recently that on September 2nd armed men of the federal police in civilian clothes took away Julio Barbaro and Juan Carlos Gallegos after a political meeting held at Calle Libertad 434 in Buenos Aires. Although a writ of habeas corpus has been filed for Mr. Barbaro, the police refuse to acknowledge the retention of these men.

Please ask the police to grant the above mentioned men their right to access to lawyers and visitations by their families. Your assistance is also needed to protect them from physical abuse or other harm by the police.

I request that your government comply with the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights and follow the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' recommendations. Such action would gain a new prestige for Argentina in the international community.

Your time and attention are appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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